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SCHOOLS, COMMISSARY, MED GROUP CLOSE FOR HOLIDAY

The Lompoc Unified School District schools, mini commissary, commissary and the 30th Medical Group will be closed Monday in observance of Labor Day.

Classes will resume Tuesday for schools. The commissary will also be closed Tuesday, however the mini comm will open at 6 a.m.

MED GROUP CLOSURES TODAY FOR OFFICIAL FUNCTION

The 30th Medical Group will be closed today at noon for an official function. The clinic will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for pharmaceutical and previously scheduled appointments. Those who need urgent or emergency care can go to the nearest emergency room and call the toll-free number, (888) 252-3299, on the back of the TRICARE card for assistance.

BASE HONORS NCO, NEW PROMOTEES SEPT. 7

Col Robert M. Worley II, 30th Space Wing commander, invites all base members to congratulate the new NCOs and promotees Sept. 7 at 3:30 p.m. in the Pacific Coast Club ballroom.

30TH SFS HOLDS ANNUAL PISTOL MATCH SEPT. 7

The 30th Security Forces Squadron is holding an Excellence in Competition pistol match Sept. 7. The competition is open to all active-duty and reserve Air Force members. Shooters must be familiar with the weapon and its operation prior to the match. Call or visit the combat arms range, building 21308, off San Antonio Road West to sign up. Any questions concerning the competition may be directed toward Staff Sgt. Erik Skrudland at 605-5005 or Staff Sgt. Shane Wisener at 605-5007.

ATLAS LAUNCH SET FOR SEPT. 8 FROM SLC-3

An Atlas II rocket is scheduled to launch Sept. 8 from Space Launch Complex-3 on South Vandenberg. For more information, call the launch hot line at 606-1857 or visit the launch schedule website at www.vandenberg.af.mil for updates.

CHAPEL HOLDS FREE POST DEPLOYMENT PARTY SEPT. 13

A post deployment party and barbecue picnic is scheduled for Sept. 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cocheo Park. Honorees will be people who've returned from a 30-day or more deployment from June through August. Family members, base commanders, chiefs and first sergeants of those deployed are welcome to attend this free luncheon. Program includes recognition, door prizes, food and fun. Make reservations with Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Husfelt by Sept. 10.

PHARMACY CHANGES DROP-OFF HOURS BEGINNING SEPT. 17

Beginning Sept. 17, the 30th Medical Group pharmacy will limit the hours patients can turn in prescriptions written by off-base doctors. The new turn-in hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. During the new drop-off hours, a pharmacist will be on duty to verify the prescribed dosages, potential side effects and drug interactions. For information, call the pharmacy at 606-7440 or 606-5327.

BREAKERS' STAFF HOLDS BIRTHDAY MEAL SEPT. 20

The Breakers dining facility staff has scheduled a birthday meal Sept. 20 at 6 p.m. to celebrate July, August and September birthdays. People should call their first sergeant to sign up. For information, call Deborah Myjak at 606-1219 or Staff Sgt. Dalhia Shelton at 606-3219.

POW/MIA CEREMONY SCHEDULED SEPT. 21

A POW/MIA Day ceremony will take place at 2 p.m. Sept. 21 at the base POW/MIA memo-

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30th Weather Squadron's weekend forecast

Vandenberg will have mostly cloudy mornings and afternoons. Fog will roll in early evening.



Low/High
50/62

Visit the 30th Weather Squadron's website at www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather/index.html to get a five-day forecast.

Launch set for today

BY STAFF SGT. REBECCA BONILLA

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Team Vandenberg is scheduled to launch a prototype three-stage booster and rocket motor system today. The six-hour launch window opens at 1 p.m.

The system is intended for future use with the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization's Ground-based Midcourse System.

The purpose of this test is to verify booster and system performance, said Lt. Col. Rick Lehner, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization.

This launch is a team effort between the men and women of the 30th Space Wing, Detach-

ment 9 of the Space and Missile Systems Center and BMDO's Joint Program Office. The missile is set to travel downrange into the Pacific Test Range.

The booster will carry a mock exoatmospheric kill vehicle to simulate the mass and weight of an actual EKV to be used during future intercept tests.

There will be no intercept attempt.

The first intercept test using the new booster configuration is currently planned for 2003.

Base people can view the launch from Del Punta observation site located off El Rancho Road on North Vandenberg.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. RICHARD FREELAND

Senior Airman Edward Braly (front), 30th Communications Squadron, and a 30th Civil Engineer Squadron member perform

the low crawl during the North Star deployment scenario in last week's Foggy Shores exercise.



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN EDWARD BRALY

Miguel Espinoza, Vandenberg firefigther, inspects his flack vest.

Warfighters hone skills

125 base members don gear during deployment scenario

BY STAFF SGT. REBECCA BONILLA

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ One hundred twenty-five members of Team Vandenberg processed the line last week and deployed to a made-up city in South Korea to set up a forward-deployed base in support of a U.S. ally against a fictional aggressor.

As part of exercise Foggy Shores 01-07, participants and exercise evaluation team members deployed with full chemical gear to the North Star training area for three days and two nights spent fine tuning their warfighting skills.

"This exercise is designed to hone our skills to perform combat warfighting and combat support any-

where in the world," said Lt. Col. Paul Wuebold, 30th Support Group deputy commander.

Participants represented diverse career fields including civil engineering, chaplain service, medical service, security forces, transportation and mission support.

Led by Wuebold, the group set up camp with all the appropriate centers -- a medical tent, chapel, survival recovery center, a transportation depot and sleeping quarters.

Scenarios played out over the course of the deployment ranged from sniper and chemical attacks to fistfights between friendly forces.

"We want our people to be able to survive and operate in a chemical environment," said 1st Lt. Jason Glynn, head EET member.

"Chemical weapons are cheap and easy to make," the lieutenant said. "So it's very likely that a Third World country would have those types of

weapons as opposed to heavy artillery or other conventional weapons."

Approximately 15 EET members, or orange hats, were on hand to evaluate participant's reactions to the different scenarios. Wuebold said EET members were on hand, not only to evaluate, but to instruct participants in proper procedures and to build their confidence.

Right now, Team Vandenberg has 78 members deployed around the world. Most are in the deserts of Southwest Asia while others are scattered throughout Europe.

This installment of Foggy Shores wrapped up late Aug. 23. Evaluators held a hotwash with participants Tuesday to point out areas for improvement for next time.

All this will help active duty personnel prepare for real world deployments and for the base's upcoming operational readiness inspection set for the end of October.

Combined Federal Campaign follows patterns of charitable contributions in America

BY CAPT. SCOTT KOOPMAN

Vandenberg CFC project officer

■ The Combined Federal Campaign begins Sept. 10 and continues through Oct. 19.

Capitalizing on the success of last year's CFC, the 2001 campaign is shooting to raise \$121,000 at Vandenberg AFB.

While the new campaign includes new goals and new chances for federal employees to give to charitable organizations, it will likely follow patterns common to charities throughout the United States.

The campaign includes more than 1,400 local, national and international human health and welfare organizations. This provides people the unique opportunity to choose exactly where their donations go among a wide spectrum of charities. Plus, the CFC is the only charity authorized to conduct on-the-job fundraising, so you never have to leave the comfort of your work center.

CFC FAST FACTS

- ◆ President John F. Kennedy enacted the CFC by signing Executive Order 10927
- ◆ In 1964, the first "combined" campaigns were conducted as experiments in six cities. The experimental fundraising effort proved successful—federal employees favored the single annual solicitation.
- ◆ In 1971, President Richard Nixon announced that the CFC would be the uniform fundraising method for federal service. Payroll deduction was also introduced.
- ◆ Contributions continue to grow from 1964's \$12.9 million to nearly \$224 million in 2000.



Chief sees promising future

From my perch, as I wrap-up my final tour, I see promising skies ahead for our Air Force ... and it's because of you and your efforts.

Despite tight budgets, you've arrested a stubborn four-year readiness decline. You've made our transition to an Expeditionary Aerospace Force work, enhancing stability in the lives of Air Force members everywhere.

Your direct feedback helped win Congressional support for many of our retention initiatives and the reestablishment of a full-benefit retirement system. Your voices have been heard and answered with across the board pay raises and targeted bonuses. You have made the personal choices to continue serving our nation, ensuring we're ready to protect America's interests around the world. Your choices, your efforts, your dedication, your sacrifices continue to build the premier aerospace power this world has ever known. My family and I have been proud to serve with you.

As General Jumper assumes the office, he brings the deepest commitment to continued improvements in capability and quality of life for all our people. Together, he and Secretary Roche, will provide superb leadership for America's Air Force in the years ahead. Thank you for your selfless service ... it's the reason no one comes close!

Gen. Michael E. Ryan
Air Force Chief of Staff



Col. Robert M. Worley II
Commander,
30th Space Wing

Commander's Action line

Mission success is our top priority, and the talented men and women of Team Vandenberg get it done with excellence. Key to the effectiveness of any great team is good communication. The 30th Space Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct communication link to me. It provides an avenue for you to voice your concerns, share constructive ideas, or give your Vandenberg teammates a pat on the back. I appreciate your input, and I am personally involved in every response.

While the Commander's Action Line is a great way to communicate, don't forget there are many other avenues to get answers to your questions including your chain of command, first sergeants, base services officials, and many other base professionals.

Thanks for helping to make Vandenberg such a great place to work and live.

When calling the action line, please leave your name and phone number.

Call the Commander's Action Line at 606-7850 or actionline@vandenberg.af.mil

EMERGENCY.....	911
Information.....	411
Poison control.....	800-876-4766
Clinic appointments.....	606-2273
After-hours urgent care.....	888-252-3299
TRICARE services.....	800-242-6788
Health Care Information Line.....	800-611-2883
Law enforcement.....	606-3911
Housing maintenance.....	734-5586
Child Development Cener.....	606-1555
MPF customer service.....	606-7756
Visitor control center.....	606-7662
Fitness center.....	606-3832
Chaplain (after hours).....	606-9961
Red Cross (duty hours).....	606-1855
Red Cross (after hours).....	800-660-4272
EOD (duty hours).....	605-1375
EOD (after hours).....	606-9961
Pest Control.....	606-1936
Base operator.....	606-1110
Public tours.....	606-3595

Team V celebrates Labor Day

By MASTER SGT. LLOYD CONLEY
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Monday is Labor Day. For some of us it means enjoying a well-deserved extended weekend. For some students it's the last three-day weekend before a long stretch of class days until Thanksgiving.

But Labor Day is more than a national holiday that signals the end of summer.

According to Samuel Gompers, founder, and longtime president of the American Federation of Labor, "Labor Day differs from other holidays throughout the year and in any country. It's not devoted to any person, living or dead, or a nationally focused ideal."

It is a time to recognize the contributions and sacrifices working people have made to make our nation strong, prosperous and secure.

More than a century ago, the first Monday in September was recognized as the day to celebrate the social and economic achievements of our nation as a whole. Team Vandenberg has certainly made its contributions to the nation's well being. From senior

base leadership to the newest Air Force member, this team has steadfastly worked to ensure the success of our space launch mission. One that is inargurably vital to national interests; military and civilian alike. We have been recognized as the best in Air Force Space command by winning the Moorman Trophy.

At the same time Vandenberg typically has about 80 of its people deployed to different parts of the globe at any given moment throughout the year. Whether a launch, deployment or crisis response, the mission doesn't happen on its own. It takes people, civilian and military, working together to get it done. The Hawks decisive victory in Guardian Challenge 2001 is a good indication of that. The vital work force of Team Vandenberg, in concert with national objectives, has contributed to the highest standard of living and the greatest production the world has ever known. It has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy.

It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pay tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership—the American worker, be they military or civilian.



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JONATHAN POMEROY

Master Sgt. Roy Blanco, 30th Operations Group first sergeant, talks with Staff Sgt. Gerald Mishloney, 30th Range Squadron

aerospace clearance officer, about daily unit functions. Blanco believes involvement with troops helps them mature.

When good airmen go bad?

By MASTER SGT. ROY BLANCO

30th Operations Group First Sergeant

Is it just me or is it becoming common conversation the past several years to talk about how today's new airmen just don't measure up?

Well, I can tell you that over the past three and a half years as a first sergeant, I have a few ideas on the subject.

First of all let me share some things I've heard from "around the block."

"What are those people in basic training doing now, being kinder and gentler?"

"Why did the tech school send us this problem child."

"They're letting anyone in the Air Force these days."

Sound familiar? From first-hand experience, I can tell you all that the issue at hand isn't about the "new breed" of airman—it's about the "new breed" of leader. In an environment of political correctness and human dignity, we've lost sight on the art of leadership.

While we may have a higher educated force than years past, we also have higher promotion rates and, in some instances, we have airmen becoming NCOs before their time. Today, airmen are being placed in supervisory roles above their friends and they're having a hard time making the personal and professional distinction.

Leading troops has always been challenging. But it seems that if we have anything other than a model subordinate, it's easier to get rid of them than to take on the challenge of turning a wayward troop in the right direction.

The solutions, I feel, are simple.

First, our first-line supervisors must eliminate the attitude that produces statements such as:

"Don't call me 'sir,' I work for a living."

"You know all that stuff you learned in basic and tech school? Well, forget it! This is how we do things here."

"Don't bother calling me Sgt. Brown, just call me Bob."

Next, we have to lead by our actions.

Simple things like not correcting uniform discrepancies and not standing when your commander enters the room are examples.

Personally, I am insulted by the "Don't call me 'sir' ... " comment.

Do we not use sir and ma'am as a general term of respect in our everyday lives?

Disregarding our basic customs and courtesies by calling supervisors by their first names and discounting the basic military standards we teach are an insult to the military institution we serve.

As leaders, we must continue to hold ourselves accountable for our troops. We only need to look in the mirror to find the blame for why good airmen go bad. Taking responsibility and a sincere interest for our troops welfare is a basic tenet of our leadership roles. This doesn't mean kissing anyone's butt to stay in the service. It means developing not only good airmen, but good citizens as well. Helping our troops make informed decisions about their career and their lives. Of course we want to retain our good troops, but we have to understand the military is not for everyone. So why not make sure our troops make informed decisions and encourage them to take advantage of every opportunity that comes their way. Remember, the challenge is not supervising the super troop, the challenge is to develop the mediocre or "bad" troop into a productive member of the Air Force and member of society.

If you're a new supervisor, be proactive and talk to your senior NCOs and senior officers. Read up on leadership and experiment with different techniques. Develop your own style.

Be able to say to your self, "I gave 110 percent to my subordinates."

The bottom line is: Exhaust all your resources before you go blaming someone else for your "problem child."



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Last Minuteman III silo destroyed



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. MARK BUCHER

With the force of 800 pounds of explosives, contractors imploded Minuteman III missile silo H-22 at 11:13 a.m. on Aug. 24 near Petersburg, N.D. It was the last silo of the 450 intercontinental ballistic missile force requiring destruction under Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty I. The first silo implosion at the Grand Forks missile complex took place Oct. 6, 1999. Contractors imploded 13 more that year, then 86 silos in 2000, and 49 this year. (Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

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rial located near the library. The ceremony will honor those listed as POW or MIA and their families. All base pereople are invited to attend. For information, call Master Sergeants Sam Warren at 606-5550 or Troy Weigel at 606-9044.

VANDENBERG BEACHES NEAR MANDATED CLOSURE

Vandenberg officials report that no violations for entering closed beach areas were issued last weekend. The total violations are 22 at Surf Beach, two at Minuteman Beach and two at Wall Beach. Base officials must close public access to base beaches when citation thresholds are reached. The thresholds are: 25 at Surf Beach, 10 at Wall Beach and five at Minuteman Beach. For information about beach access status, call the base fish and game office at 606-6804.

LOMPOC COMMUNITY CENTER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS, SUPPLIES

Officials at the Lompoc Valley Community Center are looking for “handy” people to help finish building a youth center. Volunteers with construction experience are needed. The Vandenberg Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office recently gave the center two modular surplus units and a local contractor has donated more than \$300,000 in labor and parts to get the units upgraded for use. The center is located on South K Street just across the street from Lompoc High School.

FREE LUNCHES

Families benefit from national program

By MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Since school started here last week, some Team Vandenberg parents may be feeling a bit of a pinch due to an increase in their food costs. Relief is in sight.

As part of the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program, all Lompoc Unified School District schools offer free or reduced price meals to eligible students.

At 40 cents per meal, the savings for reduced cost meals add up in comparison to the 75 cents per meal for elementary students or the \$1.25 per meal for secondary students.

Meals are served every school day.

“We’re starting a campaign to get as many eligible families as possible to fill out the free and reduced lunch application this year,” said Sally Prentiss, Crestview Elementary School principal.

“We’re asking all parents whose income falls within the guidelines to fill out the application, even if their child doesn’t eat lunch at school.”

In the past, she said, Crestview has received special funds for classroom equipment and improvement. These funds were based upon the number of qualified applications for the free and reduced lunch programs.

“We need 35 percent of our students to qualify for the program,” Prentiss said. “Last year we had 33 percent who qualified. That means we need to find about nine more stu-

dents.”

She said those nine students will bring about \$60,000 to the school.

Prior year’s special funds were used to get the computer lab operational and provided an after-school homework class, the principal said.

“We just want people to know that the potential impact of this program on our schools is significant,” said Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30th Space Wing commander. “I strongly encourage all eligible families to apply—our kids will be the winners!”

For more information about the free and reduced lunch programs, call 734-2896.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

■ Families whose income falls at or below the levels listed below, qualify for the free and reduced meal program.

Household Size	Yearly Income in dollars	Monthly	Weekly
1	15,892	1,325	306
2	21,479	1,790	414
3	27,066	2,256	521
4	32,653	2,722	628
5	38,240	3,187	736
6	43,827	3,653	843
7	49,414	4,118	951
8	55,001	4,584	1,058
Each additional	5,587	466	108

DOD remains wary of ‘Code Red’ computer virus

By GERRY GILMORE

American Forces Press Service

■ WASHINGTON — The Department of Defense continues to monitor its fortified computer systems for the so-called ‘Code Red’ worm virus and its variants, according to the Pentagon’s chief information officer.

John Stenbit, assistant secretary of defense for command, control, communications and intelligence said the Code Red denial-of-service attacks against DOD computer systems appear to have been mitigated for now.

“But, it has had its effect,” he said. “There is no question about that.”

DOD’s prophylactic efforts against information warfare threats presented by viruses such as Code Red are centered in Washington and at U.S. Space Command in Colorado, which has computer system defense as one of its missions.

“(Gen. Ralph Eberhart) who is in charge of Space Command has a second duty of information manager, (and) there is an operations center here in town,” Stenbit said. The DOD has bolstered its anti-information warfare efforts in recent years.

“The comparison with how the Pentagon deals with that kind of problem today compared with three or four years ago is enormously more positive,” he said.

“That is a good thing, because it is enormously more dangerous these days.”

In dealing with Code Red DOD computer

system guardians “discovered all the normal things that happen when you start to do defensive issues and you shut down certain gateways to protect yourself,” Stenbit said.

The virus first attacked July 19 and infected more than 250,000 systems in just nine hours. Known as a “worm,” Code Red scans the Internet for vulnerable

systems and attempts to infect them. The spread of the virus can shut down entire computer systems.

DOD officials identified the July 19 attack and directed publicly accessible military Web sites to cut their connections to the public. Defense computer network administrators also began installing special programs, or “patches,” that prevent the virus from spreading. The network went back online July 24.

‘CODE RED’ FAST FACTS

Attacked DOD July 19.
♦ Infected more than 250,000 systems in nine hours.
Network was back on-line July 24
Virus attacked again July 31
♦ less impact-- DOD prepared.

The virus, which began mutating, attacked again July 31. DOD technicians had already patched systems in anticipation of another Code Red foray.

Pentagon spokesman Navy Rear Adm. Craig Quigley advised reporters Aug. 2 of DOD’s continued caution.

“We’re watching it very carefully. We don’t think we’re out of the woods, yet,” he said at that time.

Today’s computer attacks are highly evolved compared to those launched by hackers years ago, Stenbit said.

“These are much more sophisticated,” he said. (Courtesy of Air Force Print News.)



ORI Customs and Courties tip

To Salute or Not to Salute, that is the question.

-Don’t salute indoors except during formal report.

-Don’t salute when working as a member of a formal detail, engaged in sporting or social functions.

-Do salute, facing the flag or music, when in uniform during the playing of retreat.

Team Vandenberg congratulates new promotees

■ Team Vandenberg will recognize its newest promotees at 3:30 p.m. Sept. 7 in the Pacific Coast Club. Fifty-three enlisted members, ranging from airman basic to senior master sergeant, will tack on their new stripe next month. Three second lieuten-

ants will trade in their gold bars for silver ones. Three first lieutenants will trade in their silver bars for captain's bars. Eight civilians will move up a paygrade as well. All promotions are effective in September unless otherwise noted.

ENLISTED PROMOTIONS

AIRMAN
Adam Adler,
Detachment 1, 345th Training Squadron
Jason Batchelor,
Det 1, 345th TRS
Matthew Brock,
Det 1, 345th TRS
Acosa Castillo,
Det 1, 345th TRS
Troy Hosmer,
Det 1, 345th TRS
Jeffry King, Jr.,
Det 1, 345th TRS
Alisha Livingston,
Det 1, 345th TRS
Abraham Martinez,
Det 1, 345th TRS
David McQuistan,
30th Civil Engineer Squadron
William Noel,
Det 1, 345th TRS
Angelica Ryan,
Det 1, 345th TRS
Christopher Selby,
Det 1, 345th TRS
Cassie Setzer,
Det 1, 345th TRS
Eric Walosin,
Det 1, 345th TRS

AIRMAN FIRST CLASS
John Galan,
30th Communications Squadron

SENIOR AIRMAN
Alyncia Clay,
30th Security Forces Squadron
Donald Dodson, Jr.,
30th Transportation Squadron
Michael Galang,
30th Aeromedical-Dental Operating Squadron
James Gestrich,
30th TRNS
Latoya Johnson,
30th SFS
Shannon Peckham,
30th Medical Operations Squadron
Amanda Schwind,
30th SFS
Angela Worsham,
30th TRNS

STAFF SERGEANT
John Barton,
30th CS
Christopher Bickley,
30th CS
Jonathan Boyer,
576th Flight Test Squadron
Denise Fong-Chung,
30th Operations Support Squadron
Sean Gentry,
576th FLTS
Howard Goins III,
30th TRNS
Charles Harper III,
30th MDOS
Christopher Hollis,
381st Training Support Squadron
Frank Mamea,
30th SFS
Jason Munn,
30th CES
Kerry Onaka,
30th Mission Support Squadron
Steven Perez,
76th Helicopter Flight
Mark Rische,
576th FLTS
Tamlyn Starley,
30th Medical Support Squadron
Christian Stidham,
30th SFS
Wayne Yearnk,
576th FLTS

TECHNICAL SERGEANT
Max Brenot,
Det 1, 345th TRS
William Brown, Jr.,
30th CES
Steve Chase,
30th SFS
Kenneth Davis,
576th FLTS
Odessa Drouillard,
614th Space Operations Squadron
Catherine Fair,
392nd Training Squadron
Stewart Grenfell,
30th CES
Gregory Heuston,
30th SFS
Salvador Shipman,
30th Comptroller Squadron

MASTER SERGEANT
Douglas Fields,

381st Taining Group
Kurt Palmer,
30th Operations Support Squadron
Florito Verceles,
576th FLTS
Kevin Williams,
2nd Space Launch Squadron

SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT
Byron Bland,
381st Training Group

OFFICER PROMOTIONS

FIRST LIEUTENANT
Fredric Cibelli,
14th Air Force
Michael Schupbach,
576th FLTS
Leland Taylor,
392nd Training Squadron

CAPTAIN
Christopher Burner,
Detachment 9, Space & Missile Systems Center
David Gilmore,
533rd TRS
Lance Suvans,
2nd SLS

CIVILIAN PROMOTIONS

GS-06
Dionicio De Hoyos,
30th CES
Jeremy Denton,
30th CES
GS-09
Nancy Shaw,
Ogden Air Logistics Center
Daniel Tkach,
30th CS
GS-10
Homer Ferguson,
Ogden ALC
GS-11
Kelly Lyzenga,
30th Logistics Group
Michael Taaffe,
30th Supply Flight
GS-13
Gordon Maness,
30th Range Squadron



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JONATHAN POMEROY

Team Vandenberg Spotlight

Name: Airman 1st Class Chaunte' Shepherd.
Assignment: 532nd Training Squadron Materiel Control Specialist.
Home Town: McMurray Pa.
Time on Vandenberg: 11months.
Time in the Air Force: 16 months.
Proudest achievement: 2nd Air Force Airman of the quarter
Superviror's comment: "Airman Shepherd is a model member who epitomize integrity, dedication and duty. This fact was reinforced when she won airman of the quarter. She is a motivated individual who is normally first to volunteer her time and effort for on- and off-base events," Capt. Erika Kelley, 532nd TRS.

Maintainers make recruiting video

Orientation film gives new recruits clues about missile maintenance

By 2nd Lt. Michelle Mayo

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

They were told it couldn't be done – but the men and women of the 381st Training Group proved it could be. Using their own people and their own resources, instead of an expensive outside contractor, the 381st TRG produced a four-minute video aimed at recruiting air launched cruise missile maintenance personnel.

A critical shortage of missile maintainers led to the video's creation.

According to Tech. Sgt. Rick Hazen, an instructor supervisor for air launched missile maintenance at the 532nd Training Squadron, four classes were cancelled last year because only half of the available slots were filled.

In this age of computers and high technology, new recruits tend to focus on careers which would provide them with computer skills rather than pursuing vital military areas requiring mechanical abilities, said Col. Edward Rios, deputy commander for the 381st TRG.

Maj. Gen. John Regni, commander of the 2nd Air Force, thought military units like the 381st TRG should be more active in recruiting efforts, rather than contracting out recruiting commercials. As a result, members of the 381st TRG took matters into their own hands.

Once filming finished at Minot AFB, N.D., the crew continued at Vandenberg in the training facility at the 532nd TRS.

The first couple of minutes of the video show a diverse group of maintainers at work on a missile, while the second half focuses on students learning their trade.

However, the students aren't acting for the camera.

"They're working on operational assets," Hazen said.

"Originally, the project came about because it was thought too difficult for Air Education and Training Command to produce this type of video using military equipment and people," Rios said. "We proved it wasn't."

The Instructional Technologies Flight, the people who produced the video, turned the project around in record time, according to Staff Sgt. Rick Adams, an instructional designer for the 381st TRG.

"It normally takes 90 days to make a video like this, but we did it in 30," Adams said.

He added that the relative importance to the mission was a catalyst for the quick production of the video.

The video is shown to students at Lackland Air Force Base once they're selected for the career field, said the 532nd TRS instructor.

Hazen said it works out well, because now the students have an idea of what their job is going to be like before they start technical training. Before the video was produced, trainees didn't have a clue about what their duties would be.

The next goal is to get the video out to all recruiters at some point, Hazen said.

While student numbers have increased this year and classes are no longer being cancelled, both Rios and Hazen agree that it's still too early to tell whether the video has actually had an impact on the numbers.

However, Adams said he would love to make more videos.

"My long-term vision is to develop a DVD of all the different career fields our training group instructs students in and get that out to recruiters," he said.

AFSPC education program offers civilians money for college

By Master Sgt. Austin Carter

AFSPC Public Affairs

■ **PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo.** – College tuition assistance has always been one of the prime selling points of a career in uniform. Senior Air Force leaders believe the benefit of having an educated member outweighs the cost of that education.

Now Air Force Space Command is offering the same tuition benefits to the civilian work force that have been given to the military for years.

The issue came up three years ago in a command quality-of-life seminar. Last year the command set aside \$200,000 for civilian education under the same guidelines as the military and managed from the bases' education offices.

What's astonishing is not that the command has apportioned the money, but that the civilians have not fully taken advantage of the program. About a quarter of the money remains unused.

"I would tell our civilians to jump on this!" said Margret Waldie, chief of HQ AFSPC Affirmative Employment and Training Branch. "Every class, every term, every credit adds up and before you know it, you're stepping across the stage, getting your degree."

That degree can be useful for about 80 percent of the 4,700 civilians working in appropriated-fund jobs in the command. Only 22 percent have academic degrees.

Richard McMullen, the chief of the AFSPC Education and Training Branch, isn't sure why the civilian force is slow to take advantage of the program, but he thinks that, like many beneficial programs, people must first realize that the program exists.

"It's going to take a little time for people to get used to it," he said. "I think that when the money finally came to us in December, it was too late for most people going to school. Many traditionally begin school in the fall term."

Space Command has such faith in the program that it is guaranteeing another \$200,000 for the next fiscal year.

"The Civilian Tuition Assistance Program is another excellent avenue to help develop our civilian workforce and enhance the mission of Air Force Space Command," said Lt. Gen. Roger DeKok, AFSPC vice commander. "Our civilian employees are critical to the command's success, and we had to find a way to help develop their technical, administrative and management skills in the same way we do for our active-duty force."

The program pays for a mission-related educational degree and covers those who don't have an undergraduate degree yet. If approved, a civilian can expect the Air Force to pick up the tab for 75 percent of the tuition and instructional fees — up to \$187.50 per semester hour (which is \$124 a quarter hour).

There is a cap of \$3,500 per employee per year.

"It's been very expensive for me for the last four years. I've spent thousands of dollars on tuition and books and that makes it hard when you've got a family," said Angie Horn, a staffing specialist with the Peterson AFB Civilian Personnel Office. Horn, a GS-12 with 26 years of experience, is going for a bachelor's of science degree in human resources management with a Colorado Springs university that specializes in adult education. "Three-quarters of my last two classes' tuition was paid for by the Air Force—about \$1,400. I still have to pay for my books, but it's a big financial load off me. I'm just so happy about it. It's the best news I've had all year. What it tells me is that the Air Force is saying, 'You're worth it to us.' In the end, the Air Force will benefit."

"This helps the Air Force by having a better educated workforce," said Waldie. "That also makes them more promotable."

It's a big step toward saying that we care about our civilian work force and it shows our civilians that they are a big part of the mission."

Although no one can predict the future of the fledging program, command officials say there should be no reason civilian tuition assistance can't continue as Air Combat Command's program has for the last six years.

"This way our civilians become an even more integral part of our total effort, and it helps with recruitment and retention of this part of our work force," said DeKok. "We're proud of the efforts that created our civilian tuition assistance program and are committed to its continued funding and support."

Civilians quality for tuition assistance

- To qualify for tuition assistance, applicants must:
 - ♦ Be taking an undergraduate-level course that is part of a degree plan.
 - ♦ Have received a satisfactory performance appraisal during their last reporting period.
 - ♦ Not be receiving financial support for any other source, such as Veterans' Administration or the Career Program.
 - ♦ Be eligible to take only one course at a time with a limit of three courses per school year.
 - ♦ Have an educational level below a bachelor's degree.
 - ♦ Be a member of an AFSPC unit and considered an AFSPC asset.
 - ♦ For more information, call the base education office at 605-5900.

Community Calendar

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FRI

PCPA Theaterfest

presents Alfred Hitchcock's *play*, "*Rope*" now through Sept. 9 at the Festival Theater located at 420 Second Street in Solvang. The show will be presented in the Marian Theater on the Santa Maria Allan Hancock Campus Sept. 14 to 30. For tickets and show times, call PCPA's Box Office at (805) 922-8313.

SEPT 2

SUN

The Festival Service of Evensong

will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday in Trinity Episcopal Church in Santa Barbara. It's a choral music presentation. For more information, call the church at (805) 965-7419.

3

MON

A Walk Through the Farmer's Market

will be 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. from Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends until Oct. 1 in the Santa Barbara public library. The market is an art exhibit presented by the Los Padres Watercolor society. Call (805) 966-6414.

4

TUE

The Sierra Club

offers **90-minute hiking tours** at or around Lompoc at 6:25 p.m. Tuesdays. People who want to take the tour should meet at the Lompoc Civic Center to carpool to the hiking location. People should bring a flashlight and wear walking shoes. For more information, call 736-6362.

5

WED

Free tours of Vandenberg

take place every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The tour includes a visit to the Heritage Center which contains artifacts dating back to the Cold War. Reservations should be made at least three weeks in advance. For more information or to make reservations, call the public affairs office at 606-3595.

6

THUR

The Hispanic Heritage Month

planning committee meets in the services center Thursdays from 11 a.m. to noon. People do not have to be Hispanic to participate.

7

FRI

PCPA Theaterfest

presents "*The 1940's Radio Hour*," a live studio broadcast of a 1942 radio show and its characters at the Solvang Festival Theater from Sept. 7 to Oct. 1 at 8 p.m. For information, call the box office at (805) 922-8313.

Just a little off the top



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JONATHAN PROVOST

In phase-7 of base housing construction, Rudy Valdovinos, saws parts of the lookout boards off the roof of one of the new homes in the latest phase of new housing construction. The lookout boards have to be equal in size all the way around the house. This phase is scheduled for completion March and will add 83 senior NCO three and four bedroom homes. The construction area is on Oceanview Boulevard between Korina and Juniper streets.

10

MON

The 30th Medical Group is sponsoring **Operation Baby Launch** at 5 p.m. Sept. 10 in the Vandenberg Clinic. People can learn information about available resources in local hospitals, TRICARE financial concerns and Vandenberg family practice clinic services. Spouses and partners are welcome and registration is not necessary. For more information, call Capt. Jean Eagleton at 605-8254 or Nancy Sias at 606-8217.

11

TUE

The Asian American Pacific Association

will hold its monthly meeting at 5 p.m. Sept. 10 in the base library in conference room A. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Call Staff Sgt. Maxwell Starks at 606-9963 for more information.

12

WED

The 19th annual Taste of the Town

will be held from noon to 3 p.m. Sept. 10 at Riviera Park Research and Communications Center in Santa Barbara. The event will feature food from more than 30 restaurants and chefs, and wine from 25 vintners. Proceeds benefit the Arthritis Foundation. For more information, call (805) 687-1592.

13

THUR

The Santa Ynez Valley Wine Auction

will be Sept. 14 to 17. The event features a golf tournament at the River Course at Alisal, special events at valley wineries, silent and live auctions and a dinner at the Fess Parker Winery. For more information, call (805) 568-0588.

14

FRI

The Taste of Downtown

is Sept. 15 in Paso Robles. The event will feature food from more than 20 different local restaurants, art exhibits, wine tasting, horse-drawn carriage rides, music and entertainment. For more information, call (805) 238-4103.

15

SAT

The American Association of University Women

will start its academic year with a brunch at Maria Del Sol restaurant from 9:30 a.m. to noon Sept. 15. For more information, call (805) 937-0825.

16

SUN

The Santa Barbara Concours d'Elegance

show will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 15 to 17 at Glen Annie Golf Course. The show will feature fine cars, fashion shows, a children's art contest, food and music. For more information, call (805) 884-9972.

16

SUN

The Las Fiestas Patrias street festival

will be held Sept. 16 at Santa Maria's civic center on the corner of East Cook and South McClelland. The festival will feature live music, entertainment, food and fun. The event celebrates the cultural diversity of the Santa Maria Valley. For more information, call (805) 925-2403, ext. 817.

20

THUR

The third quarter birthday meal

will begin at 6 p.m. Sept. 20 at the Breakers Dining Facility. Team Vandenberg members whose birthdays are in July, August or September should contact their first sergeant to sign up. For more information, call Deborah Myjak at 606-1219 or Staff Sgt. Dahlia Shelton at 606-3219 or 606-5496.

21

FRI

The annual Warbird Roundup fundraiser

for the Santa Maria Museum of Flight will be held Sept. 21 to 23. People can view Exciting Warbird fly-ins and historic planes at the Santa Maria Public Airport. For more information, call (805) 922-8758.

22

SAT

The Space and Sea

Girl Scout troop will hold an **ice cream social** Sept. 22 from 1 to 3 p.m. on the lawn in front of the base bowling center. The event is open to all new or returning girl scouts grades Kindergarten through 12 and family members or adults who are interested in becoming leaders. For more information, call the Scout Hut at 605-2217 or the Santa Maria office at (805) 928-2008.

23

SUN

The Cal Poly Arts center

will present jazz saxophonist Kenny G in concert at 8 p.m. Sept. 22 at Harman Hall in the Christohper Cohen Center. This is the first show of Cal Poly's center stage series. Call the performing arts ticket office at (888) 233-2787 or visit the web site at www.pacslo.org for information.

23

SUN

Los Alamos Old Days 2001

will feature classic car and motorcycle shows, dinner and dance at the Men's Club Sept. 22. A parade and barbecue at the Men's Club will be held Sept. 23. There will be a peddler's market and live music in three locations. For information on the peddler's mart, call (805) 344-3024. For information on the car show, call (805) 344-2504.

23

SUN

Readers can enjoy the **News-Press Book and Author Festival** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 23 at the De la Guerra Plaza in Santa Barbara. For more information, call 805-892-2250, ext. 3000.

24

MON

The Santa Maria Valley YMCA's Tri-for-Fun triathlon

will be held Sept. 23. The event offers a challenging course for the whole family. For more information, call (805) 937-8521.

24

MON

People can enjoy a montage of jazz, blues and readings at **Jazz and Blues: Words and Music** 7:30 p.m. Sept. 23 at the Lobero Theatre in Santa Barbara. For more information, call (805) 963-0761.

24

MON

The South Coast Railroad Museum

offers miniature train rides, model railroad exhibits and self-guided tours during Depot Day from 1 to 4 p.m. at 300 North Los Carneros in Goleta Sept. 24. For more information, call (805) 964-3540.

28

FRI

The V6 Ranch 2001 Cattle Drive

will be Sept. 28 in Paso Robles. A meal and guide is included. For more information, call (805) 463-2371 or 463-2323.

28

FRI

The Harvest Festival and Parade

in Arroyo Grande will be held Sept. 28 and 29. The event will feature a parade, arts and crafts, games and agricultural exhibits. For more information, call (805) 489-1488.

29

SAT

The California Avocado Festival


is from 4 to 9 p.m. Sept. 29 to Oct. 1. in Carpenteria on Linden Avenue. For more information, call (805) 684-0038.

29

SAT

The Circle Bar B Dinner Theatre

presents the Neil Simon play, "*Rumors*" Sept. 29 through Nov. 11. Show times are Friday and Saturday at 8:15 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Call (805) 965-9652 for information.



Today

FINAL FANTASY: THE SPIRITS WITHIN.

Starring computer generated human characters

In the not too distant future, the Earth is invaded by aliens. Great cities are deserted, populations are decimated, alien beings have taken over the planet. Aki Ross and her mentor, Dr. Sid and the few humans that remain must find a way to survive the invasion and reclaim the planet. Rated PG-13 for science fiction action and violence.

Saturday

LEGALLY BLONDE

Starring Reese Witherspoon and Luke Wilson

Elle has a cute boyfriend, who dumps her saying she's "too blonde" and not "serious" enough for his political career. She applies and is accepted at Harvard Law School and is soon one of the best in her class. Elle overcomes the "dumb blonde" stereotype to ultimately declare herself proudly Legally blonde. Rated PG-13 for language and sexual reference.

Sunday

CLOSED

Sept. 7

AMERICAN SWEETHEARTS

Starring Julia Roberts and Billy Crystal.

Kiki is the devoted personal assistant and sister to megastar Gwen Harrison. Life with her famous sister has never been easy for Kiki, but it's about to get even harder. Kiki finds she's faced with a more important concern as her life takes a romantic turn. Rated PG-13 for lanugae and some crude, sexual humor.

Sept. 8

3 p.m. JURASSIC PARK III

Starring Sam Neill and William H. Macy.

Anxious to fund research for his new theory of velociraptor intelligence, renowned paleontologist Dr. Alan Grant is persuaded by wealthy adventurer Paul Kirby and his wife Amanda to accompany them on an aerial tour of Isla Sorna. This infamous island, once InGen's site B, has become both a primordial breeding ground for John Hammond's magnificent creations and a magnet for thrill-seekers eager to encounter them.

When a tragic accident maroons the party of seven, Grant discovers the true reason his deceptive hosts have invited him along. Rated PG-13 for intense sci-fi terror and violence.

7:30 p.m.

AMERICAN SWEETHEARTS

Sept. 9

JURASSIC PARK III

Rated PG-13

All movies start at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Air Force selects base member for 2001 soccer trial camp

■ Team Vandenberg would like to congtaulate Danny Hildalgo, 30th Space Wing safety office, on his selection to the 2001 All Air Force Men’s Soccer Trial Camp. Hildalgo will compete against 32 other soccer players throughout the Air Force for a spot on the All Air Force Team during the trial being held Sept. 11 through 18 at McChord AFB, Washington. If selected, Hildalgo will play on the Air Force Team in the 2001 Armed Forces men’s Soccer Championship, Sept. 29 through Oct. 6 at Naval Station Everett, Washington.

Registration ongoing for fifth annual U.S. Air Force Marathon

■ **WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio** — Registration continues for runners interested in participating in the fifth annual U.S. Air Force Marathon Sept. 22. This year, marathon officials added the capability for Ekiden relay teams and marathon teams to register together. To register, visit the marathon Web page and click on the “register information” button. Payment is by credit card only. A relay or marathon team captain will be required to provide the total team payment on one credit card, and will also need to provide the personal information (name, address, phone, age, weight, and e-mail) for all team members. Entrants who provide a valid e-mail address will receive confirmation via e-mail within two weeks of registration. The entry deadline is Wednesday. Changes to team composition will not be made after Sept. 12. For more information, call the U.S. Air Force Marathon office at (937) 257-4350.

Sports Calendar

- Tryouts for the women’s varsity basketball team will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the base gym.
- Tryouts for the men’s varsity basketball team will be held Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the base gym.
- The **annual Operation Kids’ Christmas Golf Tournament** is scheduled for Sept. 7 at Marshallia Ranch Golf Course. Proceeds will go to OKC 2001 which benefit underprivileged children of the surrounding communities. The four-man, best-ball scramble tournament costs \$100 for each team. The cost includes one mulligan per team member and 3 feet of string. Green fees and cart are not included. Teams that register by Aug. 29 will receive a free mulligan per person. All Team Vandenberg members and guests are welcome to play. For an entry form, call Capt. Brian Holbein at 606-1542, Ext. 3219, or Master Sgt. Kenneth Lucia at 606-3663.
- The fitness center has planned these upcoming events: Dodgeball tournament Sept. 7. 5- and 10-K fun run Sept. 14. Benchpress competition Sept. 21. 5-on-5 soccer tournament Sept. 28. Racquetball tournament, survivor competition and wallyball tournament to be announced.



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(Above) Gary Davids putts for birdie during the base golf championship Aug. 25. (Below) Randy Spears chips onto the green.

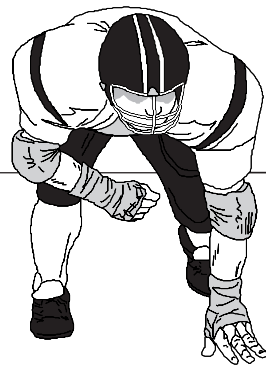
Salm wins base, club golf championships

■ Becoming only the sixth active-duty player in tournament history to do so, Dave Salm captured the Vandenberg and Marshallia Ranch Golf Championships Sunday. The tournaments were conducted Aug. 18, 25 and 26 at the Marshallia Ranch Golf Course. The 54 entrants had perfect golf conditions, and the course was in great condition, said Rick Vigil, director of golf at Marshallia. Salm’s 54 hole total of 231 was two strokes better than Dave Jerrell’s total of 233 for the club champion’s trophy. Second place in the Base Championship (for active-duty only), with a 54 hole total of 243 was Chris Denz. Closest to Pin winners were: Hole No. 3 - Kevin Reid; Hole No. 7 - Dave Jarrell; Hole No. 13 - Dave Jarrell; and on Hole No. 17 a tie between Phil Davis and Mike Arture.

■ Marshallia Ranch Golf course will be open Monday from 6 a.m. to dusk. People can call 606-6262 for a tee time. The course will be closed Tuesday.



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SWIMMING POOL

LABOR DAY SWIM -

Monday, noon to 4 p.m. cost is \$1 for 14 and younger; \$2 for 15 and older/active duty. Call 606-3581 for more information.

The Family Aquatics is extending swimming lessons through the fall. Saturday classes will be offered Sept. 22 to Oct. 20. Registration is Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Family Aquatics Center. For more information, call 606-3581.

BOWLING

The Bowling Center will be closed Sunday and Monday for the LABOR DAY holiday.

NEW OPERATING HOURS - Beginning in September: Monday through Thursday 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday 6:30 a.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Sun, 12 to 7 p.m.

WINTER LEAGUE SEASON starts Tuesday. Youth bowling leagues start September 16. Check with the center for more league information at 734-1310.

FITNESS CENTER

ATTENTION -

The men's shower, restroom and sauna area will be closed until Sept. 9. Limited shower facilities will be available at the swimming pool. We apologize for the inconvenience.

INTRAMURAL BOWLING -

Starts Sept. 10, Monday nights only. Sign up at the Bowling Center. For more information, call Pam Coffey at the Fitness Center, 606-3833.

AEROBIC PROGRAM

SPECIALTY WORKSHOPS -

Sept. 8 Intro to Abs/Strength on the Exercise Ball
Sept. 15 Intro to Yoga Fitness
Sept. 22 Intro to Indoor Cycling
Sept. 29 Outdoor Walking Group

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS -

Sept. 7 Dodgeball Tournament
Sept. 14 5K/10K Fun Run
Sept. 21 Bench Press Competition
Sept. 28 5-on-5 Soccer Tournament
For more information, call the Fitness Center, 606-3833.

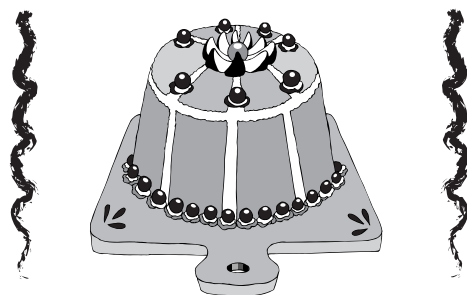
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LABOR DAY HOLIDAY - Course Open

LADIES PRIORITY - Wednesday, 8:32-9:04 a.m.

SERVICES CENTER

Cake Decorating CLASS



BEGINNING & ADVANCED

Thursdays, starting Sept. 13, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Class will run 6 weeks. Cost: \$25.

Maximum of 12 people. Register by paying at the Services Center. For more information, call 605-8974.



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